

Amended, Deleted, and New Claims

1. (Currently Amended) In the method for forming lignocellulosic thermoplastic composite products such as to increase their resistance to surface visual impairment caused by mold attack, the improvement which comprises incorporating an amount of a boron-containing fungicide in the range of from about 2 to 12 percent by weight of said composite product prior to forming said composite product.
2. Deleted
9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8 in which said calcium borate is selected from the group consisting of nobleite, gowerite, hydroboracite, ulexite, and colemanite.
10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6 ~~in which said calcium borate is a synthetic borate.~~ 1 in which said boron-containing fungicide is boric acid.
13. (New) In the method for forming composite products consisting of a thermoplastic material, a lignocellulosic material, and at least one of the group consisting of a lubricant, a cross-linking agent, a UV stabilizer, a blowing agent, an inhibitor, and a coupling agent such as to increase their resistance to surface visual impairment caused by mold attack, the improvement which consists of incorporating an amount of a boron- containing fungicide selected from the group of zinc borate, synthetic calcium borate, colemanite, ulexite, boric acid, or mixtures thereof in the range of from about 2 to 12 percent by weight of said composite product prior to forming said composite product.
15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 in which said lignocellulosic thermoplastic material is ~~weed~~ polyvinyl chloride.